

12-11-1981

I called DJB in the AM and he reported that the Carbondale Historical Society has given \$100 to the cause as well as other contributors. DJB reports that Erwin Chubb (with whom I spoke on 12-05-1981) has volunteered to repair the clock: he will not have time until the first week in January; he agreed to do so when I spoke with him and I told him that Tom Brennan would get in touch with him and apparently he has; DJB and I worked on the timetable for the 17th and we will not have antique cars, so it seems; I told him I would ask EAG to attend and call him on Saturday AM, which I what I did.

12-12-1981

Called DJB about 11 A.M. from Penn Station and he reported that JB has repaired the defective step leading to the tower and that Joe Burrell has repaired the lancet windows in the tower and block the entrance holes of the pigeons and that George Wallis will provide new light bulbs and that someone is going to remove the paint from the clock faces. I told him about my conversation with EAG on Friday night, 12-11-1981, and she has agreed to come and I will pick up EAG or DWP will pick her up on the 17th at 6:15 P.M. DJB asked about the articles I will be doing for THE NEWS. I will have Part I of my history of CCH ready for DJB on the morning of the 17th at 9 A.M. and it will appear in the following week's paper. When I spoke with Paul Starzer on 12-04-1981 in the afternoon I agreed to a series of articles for THE MIRROR on the people who have inhabited CCH over the years. It was my idea and Paul liked. On Fri. I met Bob Tomaine at Dunkin Donuts and--having run into JB at The Thrift Store on Main Street where I stopped to rest in my distribution of leaflets about town--he and I and JB proceeded to 64 Fallbrook Street where we spent a very pleasant hour or so and it was at that time that I brought up the idea of the series of articles for THE MIRROR; I also suggested that JB's gravity railroad history be published in THE MIRROR and not in NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA and Paul Starzer agreed to do so. JB was pleased and I was pleased to have been able to arrange the whole thing so effortlessly. JB and Bob Tomaine have in-depth knowledge of the railroads of the past in the area and had an extensive conversation about them while Paul and I talked and Paul took notes. Those notes became the basis of an extensive article he did in the issue of THE CARBONDALE MIRROR that was published on December 9, 1981; the "Why" flyer was printed in THE CARBONDALE NEWS on December 9, 1981, and DJB did an editorial on CCH for the same issue of The News.

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I designed and produced about 500 copies of the poster/announcement for the 12-17-1981 rally at CCH and will send them by express mail to DJB on Monday AM.

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--Jean Colville called at 9:45 P.M. on 12-04-1981 to report that Bill Schroeder (father of Bob Schroeder who worked or works at Roemmelmeyers) is the bellringer at Trinity and he thinks the bells on the 17th is a good idea. She also reported that she learned that part of the Durfee stipulations in giving the bell to the city of Carbondale that was "for every day that the clock didn't work, the city owed the Durfee family \$1.00."

--Pete Judge is looking for the report of H. L. Muhleheiser that was done in 1976 on the CCH; the estimate then was \$850,000 for a complete renovation

--Nan Loftus lives at 77 Lincoln Avenue, which she said on 12-03-1981 used to be the old Baptist Church; she says that her house is among the oldest, perhaps the oldest, house in town.

--Committee to Restore Carbondale City Hall 12-03-1981

Steering Committee: Tom Brennan  
David J. Baum  
S. R. Powell  
John Buberniak

Telephone Solicitation Committee: Nan Loftus and Jean Colville

Fund Raising: Joe Pascoe

(200 Adams Ave., rm. 609)

--on 12-04-1981 SRP called the Lackawanna County Regional Planning Commission in Scranton (961-6826) and was told: "Call Harrisburg, we have no one here who can help you." Planning Dept. 717-783-8946. County Survey done by Barbara Andrews, who is no longer on staff. She identified Lacka. Co. buildings eligible for state and national register and ranked them

--Tom Horlacher reports that Carlucci did the Court House, the City Hall and the Finch Building, all in Scranton. Horlacher's number is 961-2385; Scranton Life Building. Tom is restoring Forest City City Hall. He is working on the Tripp Building in Scranton, a pre-Civil War building and the oldest extant building in Scranton. The Junior League is now sponsoring the restoration of the Tripp Building. Joe Kohut is the Community Development Director in Carbondale, Jerry Cross is the Comm. Develop. Dir. in Forest City. The Community Development Block Grant Program: the city applies for the funds and those funds can be used to support the restoration. Are any state or federal turn back funds available?

--Bill McLaughlin in the BHP deals with emergency cases; Gregory Ramsay is a licensed architect and he does review a building in emergency cases.

--TV coverage of CCH restoration

- 1) 11-23-1981--a description of meeting earlier in the day on 11-23; the report was on Chane11 22 by Debby Dunleavy: "What lives in Carbondale, doesn't work and is right twice a day?" Camera focused on clock mechanism and parts. 11 P.M.
- 2) 12-01-1981: Channel 16, WNEP
- 3) 12-03-1981: Channel 16, WNEP: SRP in group televised; 11 o'clock news.

--Bob Tomaine suggests that I appear on WEJL's Issue Line; Gene Free from Carbondale does the show from the Times Building in Scranton.